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LETTER DATED 11 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a list giving particulars of the violations of the cease-fire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 5 and 29 November 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the cease-fire and the 1991 Tehran Agreement, 5-29 November 1994

1. Saturday, 5 November 1994

(a) At 0835 hours, eight Iranian soldiers were seen inside the area of separation carrying out maintenance work on positions at coordinates 039939 opposite the Tib post.

(b) At 0900 hours, four Iranian soldiers were seen inside the area of separation strengthening the Iranian position at coordinates 033937 with sandbags.

2. Sunday, 6 November 1994

(a) At 1300 hours, a white helicopter was seen over Iraqi territory at coordinates 091575. At 1315 hours it returned to Iranian territory.

(b) At 1400 hours, an Iranian passenger aircraft was seen over Iraqi territory in the Saybah area. It then made a turn and landed at Abadan airport.

(c) At 1700 hours, an Iranian WAZ vehicle was seen coming from inside Iranian territory. It halted near an Iranian position at coordinates 143609. Five soldiers alighted and proceeded to carry wire to the said position. Wire was delivered to the Iranian position at coordinates 095584 by an Iranian boat.

3. Monday, 7 November 1994

At 0800 hours, an Iranian engineering unit was seen engaged in dredging work in the Shatt al-Arab at the port of Muhammarah at coordinates 035718.

4. Tuesday, 8 November 1994

(a) At 1045 hours, an Iranian patrol of four men armed with light weapons in a fibreglass boat intercepted and boarded the Iraqi Port Authority tug 7 Nisan opposite the Faw border post at coordinates 275400.

(b) Contact with the tug was lost, and it continued to be held at the above location.

(c) At 2200 hours, the tug 7 Nisan was released and resumed its course towards Al-Mina' al-Amiq and Mina' al-Bakr.

5. Wednesday, 9 November 1994

(a) At 1335 hours, the Iranian side built a new position at coordinates 624323 in the Ghuzayl area 1,200 metres from the international boundary.

(b) At 1830 hours, the Iranian side detained the tug 7 Nisan and a tanker at coordinates 780070.

6. Friday, 11 November 1994

(a) At 1840 hours, an unidentified aircraft flew over Badrah (Faqr village), very slowly and at very low altitude, heading south towards Shaykh Sa'd. It made no sound and had a red aft signal light and a forward light.

7. Wednesday, 16 November 1994

At 0700 hours, seven individuals from the Iranian side were seen digging defensive positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 517506 opposite the Fakkah post.

8. Saturday, 19 November 1994

At 1311 hours, four individuals from the Iranian side were seen inside the area of separation carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers at coordinates 503533 opposite the Fakkah post.

9. Monday, 21 November 1994

(a) On 29 August 1994, the Iranian side seized an Iraqi fishing boat near Mina' al-Bakr with the fishermen on board whose names appear hereunder. On 21 November 1994, it returned those listed as Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The person listed as No. 7 had drowned, and those listed as Nos. 1 and 3 have yet to be returned.

1. Abd al-Karim Abd al-Jabbar Muhammad

2. Majid Abd al-Jabbar Muhammad

3. Yahya Jawad Sa'id

4. Salim Jawad Suwayd

5. Fu'ad Baqir Habib

6. Muhammad Abbas Kati'

7. Shabib Latif Abd al-Razzaq

(b) At 0620 hours, at first light, the Iranian side removed the Iraqi flag and the portrait of the President and Leader Mr. Saddam Hussein (may God preserve him) at point zero.

(c) At 0650 hours, a force from the Iranian regular army estimated at battalion strength proceeded to deploy near the Iranian Khusrawi post inside the area of separation.

(d) At 0730 hours, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a crane and a pick-up truck was seen engaged in dredging work on the Iranian side of the Shatt al-Arab in the area between the Karun River and the port of Muhammarah at coordinates 042701.

(e) At 0800 hours, the Iranian side installed a single barrel machine-gun in the area opposite the Fadaghiyah post at coordinates 307435.

(f) At 1100 hours, a combat helicopter was seen in Iranian airspace opposite the Fadaghiyah area at coordinates 304435.

(g) At 0830 hours, the Iranian side installed a new green flag at coordinates 514501 opposite the Fakkah post inside the area of separation.

10. Friday, 25 November 1994

At 0905 hours, the Iranian side installed an SPG-9 gun on the hills beyond the reservoir in the Khusrawi area at coordinates 441052 inside the area of separation.

11. Sunday, 27 November 1994

(a) At 0800 hours, seven civilians and a soldier with the rank of captain in five trucks approached crossing No. 5 at Chalamjah, coordinates 906784, claiming that they had come to take delivery of items from the border complex.

(b) At 1600 hours, the aforesaid vehicles approached to a distance of 5 metres from our units. They raised a flagpole and fixed it in concrete, and the Iranian flag was raised on it. An awning, a barrier and barbed wire were installed at the location, and the post was occupied by nine armed men including one officer with the rank of captain.

12. Tuesday, 29 November 1994

At 1215 hours, under the supervision of the representative of the Khusrawi border unit, Colonel Shukr Allah Kazimi, the Iranian side changed the location of the guards and brought them forward to a distance of 5 metres from the Iraqi frontier barrier at Mundhiriyah. Metal posts and a cabin were installed, and wire was laid. The work there is continuing.